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  + 1 smaller article about something else happening in Harrison (Band performance? School Board Elections? Track team events? etc.)
* **Headlines (titles) for the articles**
* **1 Picture**: Draw and colour
* **Anything else you want to make it look like a real newspaper** – Be Creative!

**Remember: Your article should be an attack on either Philip or the school, but you cannot tell direct lies.**

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**Writing tips – News Article**

1. **1st paragraph** – Summarize what happened in 2 or 3 sentences maximum
2. **2nd paragraph** – Explain in more detail what happened and how it happened from the beginning. Explain who are the people involved, say when, where, and why it happened, etc.
3. **3rd , 4th, paragraph.... etc**. – Explain what happened after the event (aftermath), and draw conclusions.

This is a good place to quote different people’s opinions on what happened.

**Remember**: You should never write in the first person or say “I Think....” in a news article. You are supposed to be just reporting the facts, not directly saying your opinion.

**Slant**: Try to make the person you are attacking (Phillip, the school, etc.) look bad by what you choose to report about them. **Do not directly say that they are bad.**